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REPRESENTATIVE MEYERS RESPONDS TO GOVERNOR'S BUDGET ADDRESS

MADISON – Beth Meyers (D-Bayfield) issued the following response to Governor Scott Walker's budget address, which took place in the Assembly Chambers on Wednesday.

"Wisconsin's economy could be doing much better, and as your representative, I've met too many hard-working families who are struggling to get ahead. One of my top priorities as a legislator is to help create good, family-sustaining jobs for the people of Northern Wisconsin. Our state government needs to do a better job of reflecting the priorities of all of our citizens, not just those who are already wealthy and successful. Instead of tax breaks for millionaires with no strings attached, we should prioritize middle class tax cuts for working families, as well as investments in education and infrastructure," said Meyers.

Governor Walker's speech highlighted his plan to cut undergraduate tuition for the University of Wisconsin system while putting new conditions on state funding for the system, as well as increasing state aid to counties and rural schools.

"Governor Walker is asking the Legislature for modest increases in state support for K-12 and higher education, but I am concerned that this new funding is a drop in the bucket compared to the devastating education cuts in the Governor's last three budgets. Public schools are the cornerstones of many Northern Wisconsin communities, and I will continue to work with my colleagues to ensure these schools remain strong and vibrant," said Meyers.

"I am looking forward to working with all of my colleagues to help move Wisconsin forward. I encourage my constituents to contact me with their views during this important budget process. Their input helps me to serve as a voice for Northern Wisconsin in Madison," stated Meyers.

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